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CONNECTING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



- > 2 local newspapers had notices that we received BTOP grants and that our computers and equipment are in place.
- > Branch Librarian is now writing a column in the local paper - letting patrons know the new books, reminding them of the hours and featuring the library phone number.
- > Librarian distributes pencils and pens with library name and phone number at each check-out.

Highwood School and Community Branch Chouteau County Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

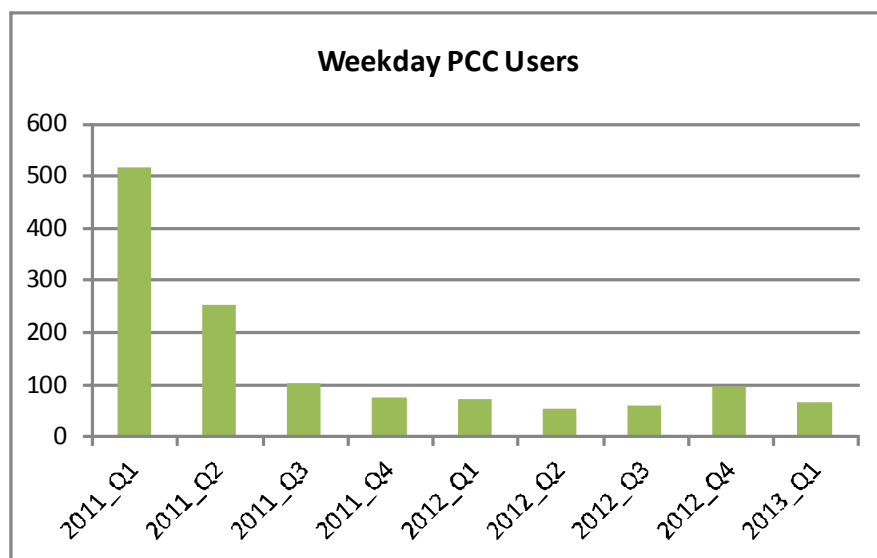
Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Triangle Communications	1.50	6.00

Highwood School and Community Branch Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 1 ZoomText 10 vision software
- ◆ 1 ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 2 headphones sets
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

Public Computer Center Usage



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
6.75	15	1